

KIYOSATO YOSHIKAZAKI, after having been duly sworn, testified at the Morotai Prisoner of War Camp, Morotai Island, Netherlands East Indies, on 28 March, 1946, as follows:-

Q. State your name, age, nationality, marital status, religion and home address.

A. Kiyosato YOSHIKAZAKI, 36 years old, Japanese, married, Buddhist, Ibusukicho, Ibusuki Gun Kagoshima Province, Japan.

Q. What is your rank in the Navy?

A. Warrant Officer.

Q. When were you inducted into the Navy?

A. 30 June, 1932 I joined the Navy.

Q. When did you first come to Ambon Island?

A. 25 June, 1942, I came to Ambon and was attached to the 24th Navy Division at Victoria Garrison.

Q. When were you assigned to the Garara Prison Camp?

A. I was assigned to Garara Prisoner of War Camp from 23 January 1943, to 10 March, 1943. Then until 10 May, 1943, I was in Victoria Garrison. On 11 May, 1943, I was again assigned to Garara Camp and stayed until 2 May, 1945.

Q. Were there any American fliers executed at Garara Camp in 1944?

A. On the 28th of August, 1944, the districts of Ambon and Garara were very heavily bombed by American B-29 planes. I think there were eighty planes. Due to this bombing Victoria Garrison was on fire. Also part of Garara Camp was on fire. On the afternoon of 28 August between 5 and 6 o'clock W/O UEMURA brought three Americans to Garara Camp. At that time I was busy repairing tents which were bombed but I heard that the three Americans were placed in three separate cells. The next morning at about 8 o'clock W/O UEMURA ordered me and said, "Today we must have the execution of the three prisoners so we must get ready." He also said, "You must execute one of the prisoners." At 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon of 29 August, 1944, a truck was ordered and myself, UEMURA, IKEUCHI the driver and the three Americans all loaded into the truck. After about a five minute drive we arrived at the execution place. It was near the Jap soldiers' cemetery. It was about 150 meters from the cemetery. The truck stopped about 30 meters from the execution place. The execution place was off of the road and on a small hill, there was tropical jungle all around the hill. When the truck stopped UEMURA ordered

me to go to the execution place quickly, so I left for the place. When I arrived at the place of execution I found two holes already dug. When our truck first arrived I saw 1st. Lt. NOGI of the Navy and five soldiers whose names I do not know standing waiting for us. As soon as the truck stopped, IKEUCHI reported to this Lieutenant and said, "Here we are." When UEMURA ordered me to go to the execution place I went alone leaving Lt. NOGI and the five soldiers at the truck. About three or four minutes after I arrived at the execution place, Lt. NOGI came to the execution place. About five minutes later one of Lt. NOGI's soldiers arrived with one American prisoner. He was already blindfolded and his hands were already tied in back of him. The soldier made him kneel in front of one of the holes, facing one of the holes that was already dug. It was the hole on the right. This soldier then returned to the truck. I then stepped up behind this American and beheaded him. I only swung the sword once. I hit the American squarely on the back of the neck. The American's head dropped forward and hung against his chest. Immediately the American fell into the hole dead. The hole was six feet long, three feet wide and one and a half meters deep. When the soldier made the American kneel he knelt at the eastern end of the hole. I also was standing at that end. The sword I used for killing the American belonged to W/O UEMURA. He lent it to me just before we left Garaia Camp. I think the blade of this sword was two feet and two inches long and the handle was about ten inches long. The whole sword therefore was three feet and two inches long. I used both hands to swing the sword. I stood directly behind the American with my feet about two feet apart. I raised the sword over my right shoulder and swung with both hands. I am right handed. After I had killed the American I retired about fifteen meters away from the execution place in some bushes. The reason I did this was because my duty was finished and I was also very excited and upset and I didn't want to see any more executions. After I had retired to the bushes in about two or three minutes I saw a soldier bring another blindfolded American past me. I didn't see this American executed because from my place in the bushes I could not see the execution. About five minutes later the third blindfolded American came past my place, accompanied by a soldier. About five or ten minutes after I saw the third American being taken to the execution place, Lt. NOGI called from the bushes and said, "Come. We must bury the Americans and clean the place. The execution is all finished." So I went back to the execution place. When I got there I saw Lt. NOGI and three soldiers. I looked into the two holes and in the right hand hole was the American that I had executed, and in the left hand hole were the two remaining Americans. I looked into the holes and the bodies were not moving. They were quite dead. After I had looked into the holes the three soldiers and myself started to cover the bodies

over with dirt. We worked at this task about forty minutes before the burial was finished. During this time Lt. NOGI stood and watched. When we were all finished each hole had a small hump or mound of earth over it. I put a flower on each grave. Then the three soldiers and myself raked the graves until they were smooth. After this was done Lt. NOGI, the three soldiers and myself all saluted the graves. After this Lt. NOGI went back to his car and returned to Naval Headquarters at Ambon. Then the three soldiers and myself walked back to the road and walked to the Japanese soldiers' cemetery. When we reached that place the truck came from Garara to fetch us. We arrived at Garara Camp at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

- Q. I hand you this stenographic note-book and pen and ask you to draw, upon it, a diagram of the place of execution, showing the position of the graves, all men and soldiers there, the American's position, the road, and any and all other information you may have.
- A. I cannot draw very well but I will give you directions and you will please do it for me.
- Q. Please write upon such diagram, in Japanese, a statement of what it is. Also sign and date such document and I will annex it to your certificate as an exhibit.
- A. I have done so.
- Q. Were you and Lt. NOGI and the three soldiers the only ones at the execution place?
- A. Yes. We were the only ones present. IKEUCHI, UEMURA, the driver, and the two remaining soldiers stayed at the truck and I think they left and returned to Garara Camp as soon as the last American was taken to the execution place.
- Q. You stated that Lt. NOGI was waiting at the execution place when you arrived. Where did he come from and how did he get there?
- A. I think Lt. NOGI came from Naval Headquarters at Ambon and came to the execution place in his car taking the five soldiers with him.
- Q. Who was Lt. NOGI?
- A. All I know is that he came from Naval Headquarters in Ambon. He was very tall about six feet tall, complexion white, black hair, military hair cut. He wore no glasses.
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A. Lt. NOGI

Q. How do you know?

A. On the day and at the place of the execution immediately after all the Americans were killed, Lt. NOGI called me from the bushes and told me. He said what I have already told you and he also said, "Now the execution is finished, and I executed the other two Americans." I didn't say anything to him, and that was all he said. I was very upset.

Q. Why were these Americans executed?

A. On the morning of the execution, after UEMURA ordered me to kill one of the Americans, I was worried so I asked UEMURA why these Americans were to be killed. He said I shouldn't worry because everything was ordered by superior officers.

Q. Were these Americans given a hearing or a court martial?

A. I don't know.

Q. Were they given a hearing or court martial while at Garara Camp?

A. No.

Q. Who ordered W/O UEMURA to have the Americans executed?

A. I think the order came from Lt. MIYAZAKI, but I think Capt. SHIROZU gave the original order.

Q. Where are Capt. SHIROZU and Lt. MIYAZAKI now?

A. Both of them are in No. 3 Compound.

Q. What were the three Americans' names, ranks, and descriptions?

A. It has been so long ago and they only stayed at Garara one night so I don't remember anything except that two were very tall. They were all wearing khaki uniform with long trousers. I don't know whether they were officers or enlisted men.

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- A. IKEUCHI told me that they were captured on Ceram Island that is all I know.
- Q. What was your rank at the time you executed the American?
- A. I was a Sergeant Major.
- Q. Were you under direct orders from W/O UEMURA?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Could you have disobeyed UEMURA's order to execute the American?
- A. I couldn't refuse because of Japanese army discipline.
- Q. Was force, threats, duress or coercion used in taking this statement from you?
- A. No.
- Q. Was any promise of reward, immunity or consideration given as a result of this statement?
- A. No.

(Signed) KIYOSATO YOSHIZAKI

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES)
ISLAND OF MOROTAI) SS

I, KIYOSATO YOSHIZAKI, being duly sworn on oath, state that I had read to me and understood the translation of the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers contained therein, consisting of four (4) pages, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed) KIYOSATO YOSHIZAKI

Subscribed and sworn to before me this thirtieth day of March, 1946.

(Signed) JOHN D SCHWENKER, Capt., F.A.
Investigating Officer, War Crime
Investigating Detachment.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN D. SCHWENKER, Capt.,
O-544384, FA, certify that on 28th day of March, 1946,
personally appeared before me KIYOSATO YOSHIZAKI, and
according to MASAO DOUE, gave the foregoing answers to the
several questions set forth therein; that after his testimony
had been transcribed, the said KIYOSATO YOSHIZAKI had read
to him by the said interpreter the same and affixed his
signature thereto in my presence.

Island of Morotai,
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES
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吉崎清郷

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吉崎清郷、昭和二十一年（一九四六年）三月二十八日、南領東印度「モロタ」島「モロタ」俘虜收容所にて正當に宣誓「為シタル」次
如く證言シマシタ。

問 君、姓名、年齢、国籍、配偶者、有無、宗教、及び住所ヲ述ベテ
サイ。

答 吉崎清郷、三十六才、日本人、既婚、佛教徒、日本鹿児島
縣「イバス」郡「イバス」町「デアリス」。

問 君、海軍ニ階級ハ何デスカ。

答 准尉デアリス。

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問 昭和十九年（一九四四年）ニ「カウラ」收容所ニ處刑サレタ米軍飛行
士ガアリマシタカ。

答 昭和十九年（一九四四年）八月二十八日ニ「アンボ」及び「カウラ」地方、米國
「B-29」ニ依ツテ非常ニ猛烈ニ爆撃サレシタ。八十機デア
リス思ヒマス。此、爆撃ニ依ツテ「ヒクトリヤ」兵艦ニ火災が起
キタ。「カウラ」收容所、一部ニモ亦火災が起ツテ居タ。八月二十
八日、午後五時カラ六時、間ニ「ウエムラ」准尉が米國人三名
ヲ「カウラ」收容所ニ連シテ来マシタ。其、時私ハ爆撃ヲ受テ
天幕、修理ニ忙シカッタガ、ソノ三名、米國人が三、別々、監房
ニ入リシタ事ヲ聞キマシタ。翌朝八時頃「ウエムラ」准尉ハ私ニ
命令シテ「今日ハ、三人、俘虜ヲ處刑シタケレバナラナイカラ我々
ハ用意シテバナラナイ」ト云ヒマシタ。彼ハ又「前、俘虜ヲ一人處
刑シタケバナラヌ」ト云ヒマシタ。昭和十九年（一九四四年）八月二十九日
午後二時半「トラック」、用意が命ゼラレ、私「ウエムラ」「イデウチ」運
轉シテ米國人三名、全部ソノ「トラック」ニ乗込ミマシタ。五分位
走、タ後我々ハ處刑ノ場所ニ着キマシタ。其所、日本軍人墓
地、近ウデアリスマシタ。墓地ヨリ約一五〇米位、トコロデシタ。「トラック」ハ
處刑所カラ三〇米位、所デアリスマシタ。處刑所ハ道カラ離シタ小
ナ田、ナ田周圍ハ全部熟帶、密林デアリスマシタ。「トラック」が止マル

「ウエムラ」は私に直ぐ處刑所へ行くヨリを命じマシタ、私、其、場
所へ向ヒマシタ。私が處刑、場所へ着イタ時、既ニ穴が二ツ掘ツテ
アルヲ見ユシマシタ。我々、「トラック」が着イタ當座私、最初ニ
乃木海軍大尉ト名ヲ知ラナイ五名、兵隊トが我々ヲ立ツテ待ツキ
ルヲ見マシタ。「トラック」が止ルヤ否ヤ「イケラセ」ハ同大尉ニ報告シ
テ到着致シマシタ。ト云ヒマシタ。「ウエムラ」が私ニ處刑所へ行くヤ
ヲ命ジタ時、私、乃木大尉ト五名、兵士ヲ「トラック」、所ニ残シ
テ一人デ行キマシタ。私が處刑所ニ着イテカラ、三四分、後乃木
大尉が處刑所へヤツテ来マシタ。約五分後、乃木大尉、部
下、一人が米國人ノ俘虜ヲ一名連シテ到着シマシタ。彼ハ既ニ目隠
シテ後キニ縛ラレテキマシタ。兵隊ハ彼ヲ既ニ掘ツテアル二穴
ニ向ケテソ、前ニ膝マヅカセマシタ。其レハ右、穴デシタ。此、兵隊ハ
「トラック」へ歸リマシタ。ソレカラ私、此、米國人、背後へ近
寄ツテ彼ヲ斬首シマシタ。私ハ刀ヲ一振、打振ツタダケデス。
私、米國兵ノ頸、ウシロヲ正確ニ打チマシタ。米國人、首ハ前垂
テ胸、前ニブラサガリマシタ。直チニ米國兵ハ死ンデ穴ノ中へ落チ
マシタ。穴ハ縦六呎、横三呎、深サ一米半デシタ。兵隊が米國人ヲ
膝マヅカセタ時、彼ハ穴ノ東ノ端ニ膝マヅキマシタ。私モソ、端ニ立
チマシタ。私がソ、米國人ヲ殺ス、ニ使ツタ刀ハ「ウエムラ」准尉、モ
デシタ。我々がカララシ收容所ヲ出ル直前ニ彼ハ其、刀ヲ私ニ貸
シテクレタノデス。此、刀、刃ハ長サ二呎二吋、柄ハ約十吋ダ
思ヒマス。デスカラ其、刀、全長ハ三呎二吋デシタ。私ハ其、刀ヲ振
ルニ兩手ヲ使ヒマシタ。私ハ米國人、直グ後ニ兩足ヲ二呎許
リ離シテ立チマシタ。私ハ刀ヲ自分、右肩ノ上ヘ上ゲテ兩手ヲ振
リマシタ。私ハ右利キナ、デス。私ハ米國人ヲ殺シタ後處刑所
ヲ約十五米ばかり離レタ處取、中へ退キマシタ。私がカラシタ理由ハ
自分ノ義務ヲ終リ、私モ非常ニ興奮奮ニ氣が顛倒ニテ居リ、其
以ニ處刑ヲ見タク無カッタカ、デス。私が其、處取、中へ退イテカラ
ニ分後ニ一人、兵隊が私、所ヲ通ツテ目隠シサレタモウ一人、米國
人ヲ連シテ行くヲ見マシタ。處取、中、私が居タ場所カラハ處刑
ハ見エナカッタデ。私ハ此、米國人が處刑サレル、ハ見マセンデシタ。
約五分後、三番目、目隠シサレタ米國人が一人、兵隊ニ伴ハテ

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私、居ル所ヲ通り越シテ行キマシタ。ソノ第三番目、米國人ガ處刑所
運ニ行ケルヲ見テカラ、約五分カ十分、後、乃木大尉ガ私ヲ最
中カラ呼ビ出シ「サア、米國人ヲ葬ル場所ヲキレニシテハナラナイ。
處刑ハ全部終リ」ト云ヒマシタ。ソレデ私ハ處刑所へ戻ッテ行キマ
ス。私ガ其所へ着ク時、乃木大尉ト二人、兵隊ヲ見マシタ。
ニ、穴ヲソキ込ムト、右手、穴、中ニハ、私ガ處刑シタ米國人ガ
令リ居リ、左手、穴、中ニハ、三人、米國人ガ入ッテ居リマシタ。私、穴ヲソキ込
彼等、体動キマシタ。彼等、全ク死ニテ居リマシタ。私ガ其、穴ヲソキ込
ニテ後、三人、兵隊ト自分ハ、死体ニエラカケ始メマシタ。コノ埋葬ハ
終ルニテ、約五分間、私達ハ此ノ仕事ニ働キマシタ。此ノ間、乃木大尉
ハ立ッテ見守ッテ居リマシタ。我々が全部終ヘタ時、各々、穴ノ上ニ、
小サナ二饅頭或ハ塚ガ出来マシタ。私ハ墓ニ夫々花ヲ供ヘマシタ。ソレ
カラ三人、兵隊ト私ハ墓、四ツが無クナル迄、均ラシマシタ。此ノ終
ツカラ、乃木大尉ト三人、兵隊ト私ハ皆、其ノ墓ニ敬礼シマシタ。
ソレカラ、乃木大尉ハ、自分、車ニ引込シ「アホシ」、海軍司令部へ帰
リマシタ。次イテ三人、兵隊ト私ハ、道路へ引込シ、日本兵墓地へ歩
キ行キマシタ。我々が其所へ着クト「トラック」ガ「ガウラ」カラ我々ヲ連
シ来マシタ。我々ハ「カウラ」收容所ニソノ午後五時頃到着シマシタ。

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問 何ニテ理由テ此ノ米國人達ハ處刑サレタノゾスガ

答 處刑、朝「ワエラ」私ニ米國人、一人ヲ殺ス様ニ命ジタ後、私ハ
氣ニナルデ「ワエラ」ニ何故是等ノ米國人ヲ殺サナケレバナラナイ
ノカ尋ネマシタ。彼ハ「スベテハ上官カラ命令サレタノゾカラ。私ガ
心配スル必要ハナイト云ヒマシタ。

問 是等ノ米國人ハ審問カ軍法會議ニカケラシマシタガ。

答 存ジマセン

問 彼等ガ「カウラ」收容所ニ居ルトキニ審問カ軍法會議ニカケラレ
マシタガ。

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答 イイエ

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